

Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 12th, 2012

- For today's update, I'd like to talk about the situation in Syria. I would suggest that this could lead to the fulfillment of several Bible prophecies.
- The reason being is; the prophecies in the Bible concerning what happens to Syria is seemingly coming to pass with a precision, in its accuracy.
- For the skeptic, or if this is all new to you, I want to encourage you to be a Berean, and use your God given ability to research this on your own.

- Now, what follows, are two prophecies, the first of which is found in the 49th chapter of Jeremiah with this prophecy concerning Damascus Syria.

Jeremiah 49:23-27 NIV Concerning Damascus: "Hamath and Arpad are dismayed, for they have heard bad news. They are disheartened, troubled like the restless sea. (24) Damascus has become feeble, she has turned to flee and panic has gripped her; anguish and pain have seized her, pain like that of a woman in labor. (25) Why has the city of renown not been abandoned, the town in which I delight? (26) Surely, her young men will fall in the streets; all her soldiers will be silenced in that day," declares the LORD Almighty. (27) "I will set fire to the walls of Damascus; it will consume the fortresses of Ben-Hadad."

- In concert with Jeremiah's prophecy, we have Isaiah's prophecy some one hundred years earlier concerning Damascus no longer being a city.

Isaiah 17:1 NIV An oracle concerning Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins.

- I'm of the belief that the prophecies concerning Syria may find their ultimate fulfillment close in proximity to other related prophecies in the Bible.
- Let me explain; Syria's destruction may lead to the fulfillment of Psalms 83, which predicts this attack against Israel to wipe her off the map.
- This presents a plausible scenario in which Israel destroys Damascus, which causes the Arab nations listed in Psalms 83 to react and attack.

Back in June of 2010, while attending the Calvary Chapel Senior Pastor's Conference in Murrieta California, I was struck by Amir Tsarfati, who is a Bible Prophecy Speaker and Israeli Tour Guide for Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, because of what he had to say; 'As I stated before: The next biblical event I can see that will be fulfilled is Isaiah 17:1. Syria will be dealt with first to cause the others to be exposed and then act in reaction with aggression!'

http://www.beholdisrael.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=0&Itemid=9

- I'll take it a step further and share with you how I think this will all play out. Jeremiah 49 and Isaiah 17 concerning Syria take place next and first.
- This sparks the Arabs attack prophesied in Psalms 83. When this is met with their utter destruction, a new quest for peace and security ensues.
- This will then serve as a catalyst for the anti-Christ to confirm a seven year peace agreement which is prophesied in the book of Daniel 9:27.

- When Israel believes she finally dwells securely in peace and safety, she will let her guard down, perhaps literally, bringing about Ezekiel 38.
- This battle of Magog, will likely take place at the beginning of the seven-year tribulation, and the battle of Armageddon, like bookends at the end.
- If you were to ask me why I believe it goes down like this, and goes down next, my answer would be to look at what's happening geopolitically.

Just this past Friday, on February 10th, Haaretz had reported the breaking news that; "U.S. closes embassy in Damascus as Obama vows to increase pressure on Syria" Here are a couple of excerpts from this report: The United States closed its embassy in Damascus on Monday and President Barack Obama vowed to ratchet up pressure on Syrian leader Bashar Assad to step down, even as world powers remained divided over how to end the crisis. On Monday, Obama told ABC News that "the Assad regime is feeling the noose tightening around them." Speaking on the "Today" show, Obama said that "we're going to just continue to put more and more pressure until hopefully we see a transition." While threatening Damascus with further sanctions and diplomatic isolation, Obama made clear that the United States had no appetite for military intervention like the NATO bombing campaign that helped toppled Libya's Muammar Gadhafi last year. White House spokesman Jay Carney said on Monday said there "are telltale signs that Assad's future is very limited at best."

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/middle-east/u-s-closes-embassy-in-damascus-as-obama-vows-to-increase-pressure-on-syria-1.411421>

Then on Wednesday, February 8th, CBS News published an article with the headline reading; "Rhodes: Syria's Assad "has to go." Here's an excerpt from this story; "With tensions running high in the Middle East, Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes told CBS News Chief White House Correspondent Norah O'Donnell that the U.S. will continue to pressure the Syrian and Iranian governments. Asked about the situation in Syria, Rhodes says the U.S. is ready to "work with every country that will join us" in pressuring Assad to step down, through increased sanctions, political support and humanitarian aid. The White House doesn't believe that military support "makes sense" right now, but Rhodes said Assad has "lost control of his country," and "he has to go."

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-3460_162-57373638/rhodes-syrias-assad-has-to-go/

- I find it interesting that subsequent to Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Muammar Gadhafi of Libya Bashar Assad of Syria will likely be the next to go.
- By the way, if you're wanting a career change, and thinking about becoming a president, prime minister, or dictator, you may want to reconsider.
- It doesn't seem this particular field is a good choice at this time. In all seriousness though, the elimination of world leaders is peculiar at best.

- Could it be that these dictators and others with them need to go in order for the final world dictator to take his satanic place on the world stage?
- In my humble opinion, it would certainly seem like that's what's happening, if for no other reason than the swiftness with which it's come to pass.
- Honestly, I still cannot get over how Isaiah 19, which is a prophecy concerning Egypt, looks like it's being fulfilled right before our very eyes now!

- So too does this seem to hold true for Isaiah 17, which in like manner is the prophecy concerning Syria, looks like it's being fulfilled in real time.
- Also, it would stand to reason that the conspicuous absence of both Syria and Egypt from Ezekiel's prophecy validates and authenticates this.
- At the risk of this sounding sensational, if what we're seeing unfold is that which was foretold by the prophets of old, how then ought we to live?

2 Peter 3:11-12 NIV Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives (12) as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.